

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Melissa Schnirring

Petition No. 990223-000-015

Lic[#] 002372

CEASE AND DESIST CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") is a state agency charged with the regulation of the professional practice of massage therapy;

WHEREAS, Melissa Schnirring of East Norwalk, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has at no time been issued a license to practice massage therapy by the Department under the General Statutes of Connecticut, Chapter 384a;

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-206b provides that no person shall engage in the practice of massage therapy in this State until she is issued a license by the Department;

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that, during the time period of 1999, respondent engaged in the practice of massage therapy without having a valid license to do so;

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut §§19a-11 and 19a-14(c) to issue an appropriate order to any person found to be violating an applicable statute; and,

WHEREAS, respondent agrees that the above allegations shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-9 and 19a-10 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 384a and §19a-11 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. She waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. She agrees to cease and desist in the practice of massage therapy or in any other practice that requires licensure in the State of Connecticut without first obtaining an appropriate license. She may however, in accordance with §20-206d(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, perform work as a required component of her course of study in a school of massage therapy that satisfies the requirements of §20-206b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided she shall not hold herself out as a licensed massage therapist and shall not receive compensation for such work.
3. This Cease and Desist Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

4. This Cease and Desist Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
5. This Cease and Desist Consent Order is effective after the last signatory is affixed to this document.
6. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services of the Department to present this Cease and Desist Consent Order and the factual basis for said Cease and Desist Consent Order to the Department . Respondent understands that said Department has complete and final discretion as to whether or not an executed Cease and Desist Consent Order is approved or granted.
7. Respondent understands that she has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
8. This Cease and Desist Consent Order is a matter of public record.
9. Respondent understands that this Cease and Desist Consent Order may be considered evidence of the above admitted violations in any subsequent proceeding in which (1) his compliance with this Cease and Desist Consent Order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with the provisions of Title 20 of the Connecticut General Statutes is at issue.

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I, Melissa Schnirring, have read the above Cease and Desist Consent Order, and I agree to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Cease and Desist Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Melissa H. Schnirring
Melissa Schnirring

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October 1999.

LOURDES DEL VALLE
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01DE-5052221
Commission Expires 11-20-99

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Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Cease and Desist Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 15th day of October 1999, it is hereby accepted.

Kathleen Zarrella
Kathleen Zarrella, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the ~~18th~~ Department on the 18th day of October 1999, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Donna Brewer
Donna Brewer
Hearing Officer